SUBJECTS.

213. *Widening of the Aruthutty canal.*

The same member also requested—

that the Aruthutty canal might be widened and deepened. The canal, if thus improved, would irrigate 16,000 parahs of paddy land, besides affording safe travelling to passengers. As it is, the canal is useless; in the summer it is dry and in the winter the current is strong. Some twelve years ago petitions and memorials were presented to Government, but nothing has been done. It is regretful he said that a work so useful to the public has yet to be commenced.

Dewan's reply.—The Chief Engineer is engaged in the preparation of the estimate.

214. *Cart-road from Kottayam to Parippu.*

Mr. C. J. Kurien, on behalf of Mr. J. Mathew, pressed upon the attention of Government the extreme necessity for a cart-road from Kottayam to Parippu passing through the villages of Aimanam and Olesai and its extension to Vetchoor on the eastern shore of the Vembanad lake. He said that the matter was brought to the notice of the Dewan during his last visit to Kottayam and requested that early steps might be taken to give a good cart-road to the people in those villages.

Dewan's reply.—The Peishkar says that the matter is under consideration and he is endeavouring to acquire the lands required. The work will be pushed on.

215. *Establishment of a District Court.*

Mr. C. I. Chandy requested that a District court might be established at Kottayam, that the canals leading to the Division Cutcherry and the market landing might be deepened as they were not navigable throughout the year, that the market landing might be provided with a wharf and that a tobacco bankshall might be opened at Kottayam for the convenience of the merchants in the Taluks on the eastern side of the Vembanad lake. He also urged the desirability of opening a steam-launch communication between Alleppey and Kottayam in the interests of traffic and safe travelling.

Dewan's reply.—The deepening of the canals and the provision of a wharf have been sanctioned.

The establishment of a District Court at Kottayam, as I have already told the member for Changanacheri, awaits the passing of the Civil Courts Amendment Bill.

The question of opening a tobacco bankshall at Kottayam will be referred to the Excise Department.

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216. *Extension of Thirunakkara market.*

Mr. C. Cheriyan urged the extension of the Thirunakkara market for the convenience of the merchants and the people.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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